

Subject: MR AGUILA! and BLACK WARRIOR! in Japan, baby! DR WAGNER JR! and MR NIEBLA! kill each other dead! HALCON NEGRO! has real poofy hair! and other Lucha-like stuff from this week!

ALOHA~!

WELCOME TO DEATH VALLEY DRIVER VIDEO REVIEW #71!

This is the first of the more-than-likely-highly-erratically spaced multi-installment Lucha BO-NANZA series of posts! I mean- HELL! I just got another 540 minutes of puroresu magnificence from the KING OF THE GOTDAMN WORLD- Glenn- so who knows when this will ever end. All I know is that I haven't even gotten to the Grupo Revolucion Sixman or the SHOCKER~!! Vs Violencia match yet so these will come often enough I'm thinking- probably alternating until the Lucha is used up. To quote the Natural Five, "Can it Really Really Really Be True?!!" Steve in Canada supplied most of the CMLL TV after swinging the deal with the InSane For Lucha Phil Schneider. El Bahari- the other half of the Canadian Lucha mavens- supplied the other stuff pretty much. The Michinoku Lucha TV was sent in by the glorious and fabulous GLENN! But first, a word from Los Fatboy...

&*&*&*&*& CONSEJO MUNDIAL de LUCHA LIBRE TV- 9/15/97
-Dean!

Mr Niebla vs Dr Wagner Jr:

This is a personal breakthrough match for me (and that's what really counts:)). I was always under the impression that Dr Wagner was like all those WCW wrestlers I saw last night in Charlottesville- lazy, dogging it, underachieving. BUT since the Big Japan tour where he and Tajiri really went at it a couple of times and the New Japan Top of the Junior 97 series- where he took a toprope Death Valley Driver from Takaiwa like a MAN in a really credible NJ Junior match, Dr Wagner has come into his own as a rudo who can GO. Mr Niebla was always on my list of fave youngsters in EMLL with [[[SHOCKER!!!!]]] Black Warrior, Rey Bucanero Jr, Violencia, Astro Rey, etc. BUT he was always just another REALLY athletic spot machine with a goofy finisher and not as transcendent and overflowing with wrestling ability like his compadres- sort of like how Heavy Metal was to Rey, Juventud and Psicosis back when they were all in AAA- y'know, Good but really Smoked. BUT this big batch of tapes shows that Niebla has gotten on to the level of [[[SHOCKER!!!!]]] and Black Warrior in terms of Being Fuckin Cool As Crap Between Highspots. So this match Rocked Like A Hurricane. The first caida starts with basic lucha mirror matwork done fast as crap which all climaxes into the Fabulous Poses of Stalemate. Niebla gets Wagner to play to his strength and run the ropes, which allows Niebla to drop kick him out of the ring, setting up the Triple Ciclon Phat Ass Tope that Wagner takes like that Packers Assistant coach on Thanksgiving day when the Cowboy's Kevin Smith ran into him. They crawl back to the ring and go into some swank Malenko-Guerrero roll-ups with Niebla coming out on top and scoring the first pinfall.

The second caida has the basis that Niebla flies all around Wagner until Wagner can kill him with wrestling holds- which I loved. Wagner gets his kind of caida early by cornering Niebla and

giving him the Famous Rudo What-For offense- smacking him around and kicking him and yelling at the crowd like a king. Niebla escapes and does all of his jumpy, flippy, running the ropes armdrags and fake-outs until Wagner finally reverses a rana attempt into a Liger bomb for a two count. Niebla bounces Wagner outside the ring, hits the handstand-bouncing-off-the-rope fake-out to set-up the SWANK Del Santo Two Inches From The Ringpost tope. Niebla throws him back in and gets Wagner to run the ropes. Wagner counters the set-up with a Crucifix Rollup to take the second caida. So the stage is set for the third caida- is it the high-flying of Niebla or the vastly improved, newly-expanded by Japanese touring ground attack of Dr Wagner Jr? The third caida goes out the frickin window as these two decide to totally go against all Lucha tradition and have a Liger-Ohtani match for the third fall- but with Niebla selling a lot better than Ohtani and Wagner having a cooler mask than Liger. Wagner grounds the young punk and starts working on his leg, getting a few lower level slams and suplexes to set up a figure-four which Niebla escapes by hitting the ropes. Wagner hits a big Dragon Screw and Niebla escapes to the floor, Wagner feeling confident enough that he's got Niebla's leg busted-up to yell at the crowd for a little bit- giving Niebla the prerequisite NJ Jr time to stop selling the leg. Niebla gets back into the ring and hits a transition by reversing a corner-whip and dropkicking Wagner out of the ring. Niebla then does the Desperate Highspot Trian on the Wily Veteran starting with a super-PHAT ASS over the top rope tope which he follows up couple of standing switches off the apron into the ring into a German suplex which he follows up with a toprope hurricanrana followed by a missile dropkick that knocks Wagner out of the ring to set up the really, really PHAT ASS Plancha ENORME! Niebla drags the corpse of Dr Wagner into the ring and Wagner Rigor Mortises out of two pinfall attempts and they both lay in the ring dead. Niebla hits a desperate LaMajistral and Wagner Misawas at 2 and 867/868ths. Having lost his moment of advantage, Niebla tries four roll-ups that Wagner either reverses or escapes. Wagner fakes a transition by almost pulling off a last ditch powerbomb but Niebla is too strong and turns it into a Hurricanrana roll-up. Niebla attempts to get back in the drivers seat by taking it back on top by trying to reverse a corner whip into Corner Sunset Flip, but Wagner catches him in mid-air and turns it into [I SWEAR] a perfect cross between a Michinoku Driver and KAORU's more dangerous Excaliber and Niebla is killed, but good. Wagner gets the pin and the best Lucha singles match I've seen in a long time comes to an end. This had EVERYTHING. Spectacular moves, rock-solid psychology, great selling at the end. Dr Wagner guided Niebla to a great match and maybe this is a sign that he is feeling the urge to attempt to reach the same plateau of greatness that his brother, SilverKing, has enjoyed for all these years. This was a good start. GET ALL THIS.

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El Hijo Del Solitario/ Tony Rivera/ Olimpico v. Karloff LeGrade, Halcon Negro, Valaitin Mayo:
For Los Rudos, Karloff LaGarde looks like he should be driving a Gold Firebird and buying cervezas for young Mexico City Junior High School girls who think his big poofy hair is radical; Halcon Negro has a huge afro and kind of looks like the stuck Dwyane from What's Happening; Valatin Mayo looks like a Mexican Hershal Savage- like when he's not wrestling he is the stunt

cock for Tijuana Donkey-girl porn films. For Los Technicos, Olimpico has an understated white mask with the Olympic torch on it; Tony Rivera is maskless with the hideous acid wash Daisey Dukes with frill- truly the worst pants since man started covering his Genitals. El Hijo Del Solitario has a gold mask with racoon eyes around it. Solatario- his father- was a great wrestler, he, however, is a big skinny turd who does nothing. He is the worse kind of bad Luchadore- a really thin scrawny guy that doesn't kill himself. Speaking of killing themselves, Olimpico kevorkians a springboard tope-con-hilo- snapping his calves on the seats. I mean this was Marshall Applewhite crazy: here he is wrestling in an undercard match with a whole pack of turds and he busts out one of the craziest freaking highspots I have ever seen. There is a load of poop in between that and Technico suicide part two- Tony Rivera- who has been called the new Silver King(!)- makes his bid at becoming the new Oro, as he attempts a Run In The Corner Into A Plancha move, but he slips on the top rope and lands face first on the concrete and out comes the stretcher. The rudos win with some kind of silly submission hold. Not good at all, but a couple of nice examples of death the Lucha Libre way.

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-DEAN!

Babe Sharon/ Rudy Reyna/ My Flowers vs Winner's/ El Salsero/ Super Calo:
For Los Rudos, Rudy Reyna, Babe Sharon and My Flowers. These are all Exoticos so they enjoy an actual alternative lifestyle as opposed to working an alternative lifestyle like the endless shitty insulting homosexual gimmicks north of the border. Real deal here, folks, they are who they are and everybody likes it that way- no secret backroom crap with ringboys- exoticos say it loud, they're homosexuals, tranvestites and transexuals and they are proud; and they wrestle like motherfuckers. My Flowers must be related to Scarlotta Pimpemila because he is the dragqueen BOMB. Reyna and Sharon are quite a bit less than all that. For los technicos, Winner's, Super Calo and El Salsero get the honors. Winner's hair is REALLY bad. Think of the red-haired guy from "Room 222." Super Calo's hair is a haunting combination of Menudo/DeFranco Family and Jack Sikma when he was winding up his SuperSonics career. That was three references only Jeff Amdur will get. YESSSSSS! My Flowers kicks ass early on making the INCREDIBLY mediocre Winner's look halfway viable (For a true showing of Winner's mediocrity, see his BAD mask vs mask match against Super Calo back in 95.) It goes totally goofball pretty quickly as the technicos all dance to that Salsa beat after knocking all rudos to the floor, and then feign a triple tope suicida to scatter the flaming, raging opposition- thus giving Rudy Reyna the chance to steal a kiss from an unsuspecting good-lookin' fella in the first row. My flowers hits a PHAT ASS Elbow Drop, then a Flying Cross-Body Block. Babe Sharon isn't afraid to die taking the humongus ringpost bump to set up Super Calo killing the hell out of himself with a Shiryu Somersault Tope into the guardrail. El Salsera then does the Assisted TopRope Tope to TRIPLE KILL everyone. Rudy Reyna goes femmie over the edge with the Skipping Plancha. Weird. Sexually Disturbing. CHOICE!

Cien Caras vs Konan:

Cien Caras is the worst worker in Mexico, BUT he really brought the heat back then. Big deal- this sucked. Postmatch, Konan beats the hell out of a pathetically out-of-it Jake Roberts.

Super Muneco/ Lamparin vs Gran Guerrero/ Jerry Estrada:

For Los Rudos- the nondescript Gran Guerrero and hilariously garbed Jerry Estrada- looking like the drummer for White Tiger or something- get to be all anti-social and piratelike. Actually Gran Guerrero has the super swank Rorshack Test black and white mask that is pretty fabulous in an understated way- but the zupas crap HAS to go. Have some PRIDE, for God's sake! For Los Technicos, the super annoying Super Muneco just isn't a good enough worker to pull off wearing the ghastly yellow and black, star-embossed and suspended monstrosity that he isn't afraid to sport in this mama. Lamparin has one of those spooky human-face masks- this one in the visage of Aladdin or something- and the rest is a real elaborate outfit in the truly twisted "AAA fashion sensibilities" sense of the word. Jerry Estrada realizes that the parade of mediocre wrestlers in bad outfits isn't worth the effort so he does his prerequisite Jerry bump (two handed), feigns a little matwork with his hideously outclassed Super Muneco, and calls it a match.

Fishman/LaParka/ Blue Panther vs Eddy Guerrero/ Latin Lover/ Love Machine:

For Los Rudos, the ruins that were Fishman, the incredible Blue Panther, and the LEATHER-CLAD LaParka (talk about SWANKER THAN SWANK.) For Los Technicos, Eddy and Love Machine are still quite the babyfaces, though I'm thinking they actually turned just to never have to tag with Latin Lover again, a man wearing pants so tiny it barely held in the lil latin unit. Possibly Eddy turned to get the super whipass Red White and Blue Los Gringos Loco pants- as opposed to the Bass-Player For Twisted Sister spandex with hole cut in the sides that he fearlessly wears in this ass-stomper of a match. Internet rumor has it that even Jerry Estrada actually went up to him after the match and said, "Man, Eddy, those pants REALLY suck." Anyway, Eddy frickin RULES against Blue Panther as he shows that he was the 1993 Head Scissors Poo-bah. THEN, Eddy and LaParka do a freakin Lucha Armdrag Clinic. What the hell was Cowboy saying about Eddy no longer a true luchadore while in AAA? He's as lucha in this match as El Santo's cape. Two GREAT rudos, one who is better as a tecnico (LaParka) and another who was slightly diminished as a tecnico (Blue Panther), Two Great Technicos that both hit their stride as rudos- though Eddy was as great on either side of the fence, One guy who was BORN old, and a go-go dancer. Welcome to Mexico, motherfucker.

Perro Aguayo vs Cien Caras:

Okay, these are two of the worst workers in Mexico, but- GOD!- was Perro over, and, BOY, did Caras generate heat. Ah, who gives a crap. This was totally devoid of anything resembling anything worth anything. Perro bleeds a bucket, which is always nice. Love Machine and Blue Panther were seconds, but I don't think this had any bearing on the cool double face/heel turn match these two had later on, so there you have it. El Hulk Hogan vs Senor Roddy Piper in a cage, but four years before the fact.

Michinoku Pro Lucha TV -2/21/98

- by REV Ray!

Opening begins with guy playing a tune on his guitar. I secretly wish Men's Teioh would run over and smash it. The man who's all about the ladies and the ladies are all about him, Men's Teioh is on the panel this week. Of note, there is now the Delfin logo over the Sasuke mask on the plank which sits in back of the set.

Mr. Niebla/Mr. Aguila v. Rey Bucanero/Black Warrior :

Let's face it, I don't want to do play by play for an entire lucha match here's the highlights :

- * Rey takes a monkey flip off the apron over the post to the floor, followed by a moonsault to the floor by Niebla
- * Aguila hits a twisting somersault plancha on Black Warrior
- * Black Warrior hits a run up the ropes frankensteiner.
- * Rey puts on Archangel de la Muerta's tights and Black Warrior does the crotch chop.
- * Bucanero hits the Takaiwa endless powerbomb into a jackknife hold.

The finish gets a bunch of stereo moves (Technico topes, rudo superbombs, rudo majistrals) Aguila and Niebla are all flippy flying in this. Warrior sporting a mask which looks to be half Blue Panther style. And Rey Bucanero who's bigger than the rest seems to keep pace with them pretty well. Pretty damn cool.

Announcers place a caricature of Men's Teioh over the Sasuke logo.

Hey, an Ultraman movie... and it looks like they stole suits from Gamera II : Advent of Legion.

Tony Ribera/Ringo Mendoza v. Volencia/Karloff Lagarudi Jr : Highlights :

- * Volencia hits a rolling senton to the floor off the post on Ribera.
- * Yes, the lucha horns are on the loose in Japan!
- * Volencia fouls Ringo.
- * Screwed up finish where Ribera goes for a rana but gets powerbombed and looks to be knocked out, leaving Ringo in alone. Volencia is eliminated to even things up. So Ringo and Karloff finish off the match alone. Nothing really spectacular.

Hey, a pair of scissors so spectacular, they can raise your kids! Buy now and get a Mr. Twist! A product of Ryuma Popeil.

Shinobi v. Archangel de la Muerte :

Highlights :

- * Angel and I think Karloff stuff powerbomb Shinobi off the apron... OW!
- * After killing him DEAD, Archangel introduces him to several of the chairs at ringside.

* Shinobi goes for a top rope rana, but Archangel holds on, powers him up and drops him with a superbomb, which Shinobi kicks out of. Angel misses a rolling senton and Shinobi mounts a come back.

* Shinobi does a Gedo Clutch into a rolling cradle for a 2. Angel powerbombs him, covers with a foot on the chest, Shinobi kicks out. Angel goes powerbomb crazy but Shinobi keeps kicking out. Shinobi finally comes from behind and catches Angel in a grounded octopus type hold. Dunno, Shinobi sort of got killed a lot in the match but just sort of bounced back out of nowhere... which sort of killed what Angel was doing. And to top it off, he uses "Don't Cry" by either Asia or REO Speedwagon as theme music. Whats the dealio?

Mr. Aguila/Mr. Niebla/Atlantis v. Rey Buccanero/Black Warrior/ Emilio Charles Jr. :

Hey, Black Warrior's got a kilt. He's scottish so he's not CRAP! Aguila's pretty over with the crowd. Black Warrior shows off some cool suplexes against him. Neilba does a bunch of rope bouncing stuff. Atlantis pulls out a tope to the back of Charles' head. Aguila does some bouncy stuff including a rana on Warrior to the floor. Neilba head scissors Warrior to the floor, knocks down a charging Rey Buccenaro on the apron. Nielba runs at him and gets launched by a monkey flip into Warrior thus beginning the lucha train wreck sequence with Aguila, Warrior, Rey and Neibla. Charles tries to join in, but Atlantis stops him from joining a game he can't keep up in :-). Charles and Atlantis finish this up in the ring.

What we learned : Aguila and Niebla are really really agile and bounce around like superballs. Warrior looked pretty good on the mat from what I've seen (this is maybe the 3rd time I've seen a Black Warrior match, but I've liked what I've seen.) And Buccenaro can keep up with them pretty well for someone his size.

Prior to the match we get a recap of most of Teioh's defenses since winning the title from Delfin... which is quite a few matches.

For those of you in the market, Nissan's got a forklift for you.

Men's Teioh v. Funaki :

They do a lot of match work in this with Teioh controlling quite a bit. Teioh works over Funaki's leg. Men's does a rolling elbow, but proves he's not Misawa as Funaki bounces off the ropes and drops him with an elbow forearm of his own. He goes for a scorpion but Teioh counters and Funaki's favoring his leg. Teioh does a lot of work over the leg spots until he sets up for the corner figure four, Funaki gets him into the post and starts working over Teioh's leg, including getting him in the corner figure four. Teioh blocks a kneebreaker and does the funky foward roll up into the reverse kneebar that Funaki does. Men's hits Miracle Ecstasy, but Funaki turns it into a cross armbreaker. This was a good match. Lots of technical and submission wrestling, almost entirely mat work, but back and forth and some cool wrestling. Of course, they probably did all the mat wrestling because it was damn cold in that warehouse they were wrestling in. You could see their breath. Men's Teioh v. Super Delfin :

Joined in progress with Togo distracting the ref as Funaki and Men's work over Delfin's leg on the post. Men's gets Delfin in a torture rack. Luger wishes he was this cool. Delfin comes back

with a bunch of lariats and takes control. He hits the swinging DDT and the Delfin Clutch but Men's kicks out. Men's makes him come back after fouling Delfin. Men's does two rolling elbows into a German suplex for a 2. He hits a reverse DDT for a two and a swinging DDT off the ropes into the Delfin Clutch for a two. Delfin counters a rolling elbow attack with a shotay. One more and Delfin goes for the cover, but gets up and puts on the Delfin clutch for the win and to regain the title he lost back in May. Men's grabs the belt and looks like he doesn't want to give it up, but kisses it one last time and hands it over. KDX congratulate Delfin and leave.

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Damiencito El Guerrero/ Perrocito/ Fierito v. Cicloncito Rameriez/ Bracito De Oro/ Mascarita Magica:

For Los Rudocitos, Perrocito is Mini Pierroth which is kind of weird because big Pierroth is in AAA so I guess your mini doesn't jump with you. Fierito- who I suppose is mini-Fiera but Fiera doesn't have a mask and is a tecnico while Fierito has sort of a Felinoesque white mask with bitchen fangs on it; Damiencito El Guerrero looks just like Damien El Guerrero except he is ten million times better. For Los Technicos, Cicloncito Rameriez has the blue mask with curly cues, and Bracito De Oro rounds out the cast although Brazo De Oro has lost his mask, his mini is unhooded and much less fat- bizarrely. Although his name translates to Little Magic Mask, Mascarita Magica is sans hood- guess he threw it off when Eddie did. You have to love EMLL, where the midgets take it to the mat; nothing like watching a tiny man work for an armbar. The first caida was all mat wrestling with Damiencito and Cicloncito being the best at the mat reversals and counters, while Magica is all about the fancy headscissors, elaborate armdrags and superfluous flips. The rudos take Primera Caidia with absurd submissions in triplicate- the best being the Black Warrior deadlift submission by Fierito. Segunda Caidia was all highflying with Magica hitting a big tope, Bracito getting backdropped by his partner off the ring apron into a senton, and Cicloncito hitting an asskicking From The Ring Apron Through The Ringpost Tope. Magica wins with another ridiculous submission- a kind of a rolling abdominal stretch. The third caida was more mat work and ended with a bunch of hot near falls, with Fiera pulling out a snowplow and Damiencito finally getting the pin with a La Magistral. Great match. These minis are all about the same size, with no little freaks like Baby Rabbit, so you begin to forget you are watching midgets and just find yourself watching a super trios match. EMLL: Even our Midgets can wrestle!!

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Rey Bucanero/Violencia/Karloff Lagarde vs. Ultraman/Fantasma/Mascara Magica :

Pretty slow in the first fall with the rudos getting the fall with Volencia tope rope somersault sentoning Magica and getting a submission on Fantasma. Segunda caida is pretty quick. Ultraman catches Volencia with a quebrada and fantasma gets Rey Bucanero in an upside down bear hug (like he was going for a tombstone) for a submission win. Volencia takes the

Jerry bump off of Ultraman at the start of the third fall. This is also a quick fall. Ultraman gets in a tope con hilo. Magica and Lagarde go at it in the ring, Magica seems to be favoring one leg and Lagarde puts him away with a powerbomb counter to a Magica rana attempt. Eh. Was slow at the start, when things heated up, it was already over.

Universo 2000 v. Brazo de Plata for a CMLL title :

Primera Ciada : Super Porky gets in a fat second rope splash to get the first fall. The second fall is a lot of mat work, porky controls alot, but Universo counters reverse Indian leg lock as Porky starts posing, Universo reaches back and trips him and then counters into his own leg lock to get the submission. Univero starts the fall by working on Porky's leg, but Brazo keeps countering his holds and controls early on with headscissors. Porky knocks Univero out to the floor with the belly bump o' doom, hits a plancha off the apron. Universo gets control, answers with a tope. They end up in the ring, Universo ends up getting Porky with a small package to counter his bodyslam attempt.

Blue Panther/Apollo Dantes/Emilo Charles Jr vs Mr. Niebla/Atlantis/La Fiera :

You know, Apollo has some real redneck music for a theme song. Opening is slow with a lot of mat work early. Things pick up once Panther tags in because the rudos start sneak attacking the technicos. Rudos pick up the first caida after an Apollo top rope splash on Nielbla. Rudos continue beating on Niebla for a bit, then Atlantis until Atlantis starts running Charles and Dantes into each other. Panther and Neilba mix it up a bit. Technicos win the second caida following a Nielba rana on Charles following a lift over by Panther and Apollo tapping out to a submission hold by Feirra. Rudos threaten to walk out a few times. Panther seems to be avoiding Atlantis through out the match. They finally get going and pull off some nice back and forth mat spots with near falls off of assorted pinning combos until the both fall out to the floor. Apollo and Fierra go at it with Fierra getting in some OK kicks on Apollo, who claims a low blow following a spin kick to his chest. Rudos win the fall when Charles uses "El footo on el ropes," a classic lucha finisher on Nielba to win the match for the rudos. Boo hiss! OK match. It picked up at the end. Seen worse, seen better. Would have liked to have seen more Panther in there.

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Cadaver de Ultratumba/Espectro Jr/Guerrero de la Muerte vs Ultraman Jr/Astro Rey Jr/Solar 1: Your rudos on the night are the steadily improving and impressive Cadaver, the steadily improving and more impressive every time I see him Espectro Jr and the strangely resurgent Guerrero de la Muerte. Your technicos are Ultraman and Astro Rey- who are slowly but surely getting too good to be on the undercard, and the Old School sensation Solar Primera.

The first caida is just ABSOLUTELY gorgeous- it's possibly the best first caida I've seen since 1994 AAA when Blue Panther was at his peak against El Hijo del Santo, because this goes to the mat and it's as graceful and quirky and perfect as you can want your Lucha Libre to be.

Solar Premier is just fuckin NUMBER ONE AND THE BEST in this as he is so fluid in his roll-ups and crisp as hell in his armdrags. Cadaver and Espectro have definately broken through

into the good workers phase of their career and are equally as compelling on the mat, as our fellow travellers up the card- Astro Rey Jr and Ultraman Jr. Roll-ups fly into takedowns that flow into armdrags that build to leg submissions that are countered out of and, so, a pose is struck and the two exit the ring in a stalemate of grace and speed and, thus this leads to the next two luchadores who try to outdo their predecessors by showing all their mat skill. All this is why I love the EMLL traditional first caida. I remember the old days (1995) when all these guys were quite the fast-forward fodder- but they have really developed into some really skilled Old School luchadores. This caida is a LOT of why I adore Lucha Libre. The build from the mat to the armdrags to the finish is so perfect that if you watch intently, the Ultraman Jr Quebrada Tope just flies off the screen. This is how you set up the highspot and how you use great psychology to build to a finish. The second caida is a four minute affair that starts with the stalemates fading and the technicos getting the advantage. This leads to the rudos acting more rudolike to get the big MO on their side and breaks down into a full-blown rudo caida with the neato Cadaver Ultratumba- Espectro double rudo pinning combo kicking in in full effect. The third caida blows its top as the build up of the first caida and the diminished rudo caida hits the big payoff with the swank third caida. They pick-up at the rudo caida- as there is always two rudos bustin up the tecnico with the usual low-level rudo traditional attack until the technicos get fed up and Astro Rey throws Cadaver to the floor and the other four follow suit and a fat ass lucha brawl hits the floor with full tecnico rudo-turn tactics- including the doubleteam posting of Espectro. Solar drags Guerrero into the ring and eliminates him with a peppy yet preposterous leg-entangling inverted Indian Deathlock variation for the submission. Solar then tries to hold Cadaver on the floor after Ultraman Jr drop kicks him through the ropes and Ultraman goes for the Ciclon Ramirez-level old school tope right into the fixed theatre chairs of Arena Mexico and- after Solar loses his grip on the young Cadaver- kills the holy fudge out of the wily veteran Solar as they both careen helter skelter into the unforgiving chairs. ZOINKS! That's GOTTA be all kinds of hurty and shit! Having knocked themselves out of the Lucha powerplay advantage by fulfilling some strange tecnico suicide pact, the result is the suddenly outnumbered Astro Rey falling victim to Espectro's Post-Toperope Hurricanrana Rito Romero Special with the headwrenching assist by Cadaver. As all looks real bleak for our morally upright contingent, Ultraman drags his corpse into the ring and covers Espectro at the bottom of the lucha submission hold thus making it a pinning predicament for the applicant, BUT Cadaver has- at the same time- taken Astro Rey over the point of balance and gotten young Astro's shoulders on the mat while Astro is still victim to Espectro's submission even while Espectro- he- himself is being put in a pinning predicament by Ultraman- thus causing the fabulously goofy double pinfall and the close of a beautiful caida followed by two much goofier caidas. I loved this match. A whole big bunch.

NEXT WEEK: BACK TO JAPAN! ACE vs MISAWA! HAYATO is not happy with TAKAIWA! GAEA! GAEA! GAEA! THE WORLDS WORST BIG JAPAN TAPE! And whatever else!

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Dean Rasmussen, Juventudiac~!